Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages, and the 15 to 24-year old age group is dying at a faster rate than any other age group; and,

WHEREAS, It is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and,

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth and the Western South Dakota Prevention Resource Center are sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug free lifestyles; and,

WHEREAS, The National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during "Red Ribbon Week," October 22-29, 1989; and,

WHEREAS, President George Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush are the National Honorary Chairmen to provide this focus on a Drug Free America; and,

WHEREAS, Business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, physicians, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and,

WHEREAS, The community of Rapid City further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 21 through 27, 1989, as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in South Dakota and I encourage citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE